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Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Office Action issued December 10, 1997. Please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended)

A particulate cathodic material for use in a rechargeable lithium electrochemical cell wherein each particle comprises:

a lithiated transition metal oxide core functional as an intercalation cathode, consisting of lithium nickel dioxide or lithium nickel cobalt dioxide having the formula $\text{LiNi}_{1-y}\text{Co}_y\text{O}_2$ wherein $y > 0$, or a mixture thereof, and

a lithium ion conductor [in contact with] coated on each particle of said core, said conductor having electron conductive properties and being functional to stabilize said core to thereby impart predetermined electrochemical properties to said cathodic material.